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Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPERSTORM SANDY RECOVERY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine recovering from Superstorm Sandy, focusing on assessing the progress, continuing needs, and rebuilding strategy, after receiving testimony from Shaun Donovan, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Chair, Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force; and Peter Rogoff, Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation.

BIGGERT-WATERS FLOOD INSURANCE ACT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act of 2012, focusing on one year after enactment and additional challenges for FEMA to address, after receiving testimony from Senators Vitter and Landrieu; Craig Fugate, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Alicia Puente Cackley, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Christine Shirley, National Flood Insurance Program Coordinator for the State of Oregon, Eugene; Steve Ellis, Taxpayers for Common Sense, Washington, D.C.; and Birny Birnbaum, The Center for Economic Justice, Austin, Texas.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

Committee on the Budget: Committee and the Government Performance Task Force concluded a hearing to examine enhancing accountability and increasing financial transparency, focusing on the status of transparency efforts under way and the extent to which new initiatives address lessons learned from the Recovery Act, after receiving testimony from Stanley J. Czerwinski, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Thomas Lee, Sunlight Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Gerald J. Kane, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Terrell McSweeney, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and

Michael P. O'Rielly, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MOVING AHEAD FOR PROGRESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century's (MAP-21) provisions to accelerate project delivery, after receiving testimony from John Porcari, Deputy Secretary, and Joseph W. Come, Assistant Inspector General for Highway and Transit Audits, both of the Department of Transportation; Dan Ashe, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and Nancy H. Sutley, Council on Environmental Quality.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stevan Eaton Bunnell, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, and Suzanne Eleanor Spaulding, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for National Protection and Programs, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, both of the Department of Homeland Security, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S.1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress; and

The nominations of Richard F. Griffin, Jr., of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board, and Scott S. Dahl, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Labor.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee from October 1, 2013, through February 28, 2015.

FEDERAL MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reevaluating the effectiveness of

Federal mandatory minimum sentences, after receiving testimony from Senator Paul; Marc Levin, Texas Public Policy Foundation, Austin; Brett Tolman, Ray Quinney and Nebeker, PC, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Scott Burns, National District Attorneys Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

CLOSING THE WEALTH GAP

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine closing the wealth gap, focusing on empowering America to reach its full economic potential for growth and job creation, after receiving testimony from Darryl Hairston, Associate Administrator for Business Development, Small Business Administration; Zenita Wickham Hurley, State of Maryland Special Secretary of the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, Baltimore; Signe-Mary McKernan, The Urban Institute, Rakesh Kochhar, Pew Research Center, Toya Powell, U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., Lisa Hasegawa, National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, Kevin Allis, Potawatomi Business Development Corporation, and Shree Whitaker Taylor, Delta Decisions of DC, all of Washington, D.C.; Connie E. Evans, Association for Enterprise

Opportunity, Arlington, Virginia; Barbara Crain Major, Collaborative, New Orleans, Louisiana; and Anisa Balwani, RCI Technologies, Inc., Iselin, New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: On Tuesday, September 17, 2013, Committee ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the committee during the 113th Congress.

HIV/AIDS IN AMERICA

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine older Americans, focusing on the changing face of HIV/AIDS in America, after receiving testimony from Ronald O. Valdiserri, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, Infectious Diseases, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy, Department of Health and Human Services; Daniel Tietz, AIDS Community Research Initiative of America, and Rowena Johnston, amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research, both of New York, New York; Carolyn L. Massey, Massmer Associates, LLC, Laurel, Maryland; and Kenney Miller, Down East AIDS Network, Ellsworth, Maine.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 3119–3132; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 56; and H. Res. 349–350 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 351, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 687) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1526) to restore employment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3102) to amend the Food and Nutrition

Act 2008; and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–215); and

H. Res. 352, providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 113–216).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative LaMalfa to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dale Ribble, Oak Lake Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated yesterday, September 17th:

Providing for the establishment of the Special Envoy to Promote Religious Freedom of Religious Minorities in the Near East and South Central